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UNITED STATES.

REPORTS TO THE SURGEON-GENERAL, PUBLIC HEALTH AND MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE.

PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

Infected Rodents.

On February 4, 2 plague-infected ground squirrels were found in Alameda County, Cal., and on February 8 a plague-infected rat was found in Seattle, Wash.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McCoy reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Last case of human plague sickened January 30, 1908. Last case of rodent plague trapped October 23, 1908. Total number of rats found infected to date, 398.

Weekended February 5, 1910. Sick inspected, 4. Premises inspected, 1,031. Houses destroyed, 12. Nuisances abated, 102. Poisons placed, 7,125. Rats trapped, 1,707. Rats found dead, 35. Rats identified, 1,742, as follows: *Mus norvegicus*, 1,262; *Mus rattus*, 79; *Mus musculus*, 319; *Mus alexandrinus*, 82. Rats examined bacteriologically, 1,423. No plague-infected rats found.

OAKLAND, CAL.

Last case of human plague sickened October 26, 1909. Last plague-infected rodent was found December 1, 1908.

Weekended February 5, 1910. Rats found dead, 11. Rats trapped, 480. Rats identified, 591, as follows: *Mus norvegicus*, 459; *Mus rattus*, 16; *Mus musculus*, 108; *Mus alexandrinus*, 8. Rats examined bacteriologically, 483. No plague infection found.

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL. (exclusive of Oakland).

Last case of human plague sickened 2 miles southwest of Sunol, September 26, 1909. Last plague-infected rodent found February 4, 1910. To the present time 62 ground squirrels and 1 wood rat have been found infected.

Week ended February 5. Ranches inspected, 12. Ground squirrels shot, 2. Ground squirrels found dead, 19. Acres covered with poison, 301. Examined bacteriologically 21 ground squirrels, of which 2 were found infected.

The plague-infected squirrels were found February 4 in vicinity of North Brae car line.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL.

Last case of human plague sickened July 21, 1908. Last plague-infected rodent found January 15, 1910. Total number of ground squirrels found infected to date, 242.

Week ended February 5. Ranches inspected, 7. Ground squirrels trapped, 14. Rabbits trapped, 2. Examined bacteriologically, 14 ground squirrels and 2 rabbits. No plague infection found.

FRESNO COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Fresno County.

Week ended February 5. Ranches inspected, 31. Ground squirrels shot, 560. Ground squirrels trapped, 1. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 558. No plague-infected squirrels found.

MARIPOSA COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Mariposa County.

Week ended February 5. Ranches inspected, 9. Ground squirrels shot, 112. Ground squirrels trapped, 1. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 110. No plague-infected squirrels found.

MERCED COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Merced County.

Week ended February 5. Ranches inspected, 15. Ground squirrels shot, 249. Rabbits shot, 8. Examined bacteriologically 249 squirrels and 8 rabbits. No plague-infection found.

MONTEREY COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Monterey County.

Week ended February 5. Ranches inspected, 35. Ground squirrels shot, 347. Rabbits shot, 1. Ground squirrels found dead, 6. Ground squirrels trapped, 7. Examined bacteriologically 360 squirrels and 1 rabbit. No plague-infection found.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in San Joaquin County.

Week ended February 5. Ranches inspected, 17. Ground squirrels shot, 42. Ground squirrels found dead, 1. Ground squirrels trapped, 4. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 43. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in San Luis Obispo County.

Week ended February 5. Ranches inspected, 29. Ground squirrels shot, 292. Ground squirrels found dead, 6. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 296. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SAN MATEO COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in San Mateo County.

Week ended February 5. Ranches inspected, 9. Ground squirrels shot, 60. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 57. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Santa Barbara County.

Week ended February 5. Ranches inspected, 24. Ground squirrels shot, 255. Ground squirrels trapped, 12. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 266. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human plague in Santa Clara County. The last plague-infected rodent was found November 3, 1909. Total number of ground squirrels found infected to date, 9.

Week ended February 5. Ranches inspected, 4. Ground squirrels shot, 39. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 39. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human plague in Santa Cruz County. The last plague-infected ground squirrel was found November 6, 1909. No other plague-infected squirrel has been found in Santa Cruz County.

Week ended February 5. Ranches inspected, 17. Ground squirrels shot, 39. Ground squirrels trapped, 14. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 39. No plague-infected squirrels found.

TULARE COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Tulare County.

Week ended February 5. Ranches inspected, 36. Ground squirrels shot, 370. Ground squirrels found dead, 2; trapped, 10. Rabbits shot, 8. Examined bacteriologically, 375 squirrels and 8 rabbits. No plague-infection found.

VENTURA COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Ventura County.

Week ended February 5. Ranches inspected, 7. Ground squirrels shot, 292. Field mice trapped, 1. Examined bacteriologically, 287 squirrels and 1 field mouse. No plague-infection found.

SEATTLE, WASH.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports:

No case of human plague since October 30, 1907. The last plague-infected rat was found February 8, 1910. Total plague-infected rats found to date, 22.

Week ended February 5. Rats received, 890. Rats necropsied, 763. No plague-infected rats found.

February 8 a plague-infected rat was found.